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U.S. SUGARCANE

SEPTEMBER PRODUCTION FORECAST AT 36.6 MILLION TONS

Production is forecast at a record high 36.6 million tons, 1 percent above the previous record of 36.1 million tons set last year. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 1.03 million acres for sugar and seed during the 2001 crop year, slightly higher than last year's final harvested acres, but 1 percent less than the August estimate. Yield is forecast at 35.6 tons per acre, 0.4 ton above 2000 and 0.1 ton above the August forecast.

Louisiana's harvested acreage is expected to decrease 1 percent from last year's record acreage, the first year-to-year decline since 1996. The yield and production forecasts in Louisiana are record highs, due to abundant moisture and near normal temperatures. The Texas crop has also experienced favorable growing conditions. In Florida, the crop is in good condition despite water restrictions and last January's freeze,

which stunted growth in some fields. Mostly dry weather, with only occasional light showers, favored harvest in Hawaii.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 1999-2000 and forecasted September 1, 2001

	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
State	2000	Indication 2001	2000	Indication 2001	1999	2000	Indication 2001
	1,000 acres		Tons		1,000 tons		
Florida	445.0	465.0	38.3	36.0	16,100	17,045	16,740
Hawaii	34.4	23.2	70.7	85.0	2,960	2,432	1,972
Louisiana	500.0	495.0	29.7	33.0	15,206	14,851	16,335
Texas	46.3	47.0	38.6	34.0	1,033	1,789	1,598
U.S.	1,025.7	1,030.2	35.2	35.6	35,299	36,117	36,645

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production is forecast at 28.1 million tons. If realized, this would be 13 percent below last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres. This is 3 percent below last year, but slightly higher than the August estimate. The yield is forecast at 21.1 tons per acre, 2.5 tons below 2000 but unchanged from August.

Above-normal temperatures stressed fields in Minnesota and North Dakota during August, but crop conditions were maintained by adequate moisture during most of the growing season. In Idaho, yields are down from last year's record high due to an early-season freeze and extensive herbicide damage. Dry weather during much of the summer reduced the Michigan crop's potential. Yields are significantly higher in California, as production shifts from the lower yielding San Joaquin Valley to the higher yielding Imperial Valley. Hot, dry weather, combined with low irrigation water supplies, stressed fields in the northern High Plains and Pacific Northwest.

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	Area Harvested		Yield		Production			
State	2000	Indication 2001	2000	Indication 2001	1999	2000	Indication 2001	
	1,000 acres		Tons		1,000 tons			
California	93.5	44.5	32.5	37.0	3,456	3,039	1,647	
Colorado	53.6	39.6	22.5	22.0	1,459	1,206	871	
Idaho	191.0	195.0	29.3	25.5	5,103	5,596	4,973	
Michigan	166.0	173.0	20.5	17.5	3,534	3,403	3,028	
Minnesota	430.0	457.0	21.5	19.2	9,447	9,245	8,774	
Montana	55.2	56.9	23.9	21.7	1,468	1,319	1,235	
Nebraska	54.8	45.2	20.3	20.6	1,258	1,112	931	
North Dakota	232.0	254.0	22.1	20.0	5,138	5,127	5,080	
Ohio	0.8	0.8	21.0	20.0	33	17	16	
Oregon	14.0	11.7	29.5	29.3	494	413	343	
Washington	27.3	7.2	29.4	36.5	825	803	263	
Wyoming	56.1	46.0	20.6	20.0	1,205	1,156	920	
U.S.	1,374.3	1,330.9	23.6	21.1	33,420	32,436	28,081	

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest except for overwintered spring planted beets in California.